

EXAMINER COMMENT AND AMENDMENT

Drawings

1. Replacement drawings were received on 16 July 2009; however the replacement drawings were not each identified as "Replacement Sheet." Replacement drawing sheets must be each identified as "Replacement Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d) (see MPEP § 608.02(p)).

Examiner Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Schneck on 11 July 2011.

The claims of 21 April 2011 have been changed as follows:

- Claim 22:
 - In lines 3-5: ...an ingress node for multiplexing of optical packets by polarization, and an egress node for demultiplexing of received optical packets by polarization
- Claim 25:

- In lines 3-5: ...an ingress node for multiplexing of optical packets by polarization, an ~~ingress~~ egress node for demultiplexing...

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NATHAN CURS whose telephone number is (571)272-3028. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ken Vanderpuye can be reached on (571) 272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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